

## **EXECUTIVE ORDER**

**06-02**

**January 12, 2006**

### **STATE ENERGY OFFICE**

WHEREAS, Executive Order 95-24 established the State Energy Office within the Executive Department on October 2, 1995;

WHEREAS, the State Energy Office's responsibilities include the administration of energy-related programs, activities, projects, grants and personnel in order to coordinate the conservation and distribution of all forms of energy so that available energy resources will be efficiently and economically managed and utilized consistent with sound environmental protection;

WHEREAS, the energy crisis gripping the Nation threatens the health of the State's economy, economic development, and the health, safety, and welfare of the people of the State of Rhode Island and demonstrates a continuing need to assess and evaluate the current state of energy needs and resources by federal, state and local entities, as well as the private sector; and

WHEREAS, improving centralized planning, budgeting, policy-making and communications with respect to the administration of energy-related programs, energy resources and the energy market necessitates the restructuring and expansion of the State Energy Office's responsibilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DONALD L. CARCIERI, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, and pursuant to the Rhode Island General Laws Section 42-6-8, as amended, do hereby order as follows:



1. Executive Order 95-25 establishing the State Energy Office shall be amended through enactment of this Executive Order.
2. A Chief Energy Advisor to the Governor shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor to head the State Energy Office. The Chief Energy Advisor to the Governor shall be primarily responsible for advising the Governor on energy issues and performing such additional duties as necessary to implement the Governor's energy policies. The Chief Energy Advisor shall report directly to the Governor. The Chief Energy Advisor and the Director of the Department of Administration shall develop an agreement to provide for the administrative needs of the State Energy Office.
3. In addition to those duties outlined in Executive Order 95-24, the responsibilities of the State Energy Office shall be to work with Federal, State, local and private entities to develop and coordinate the implementation of a comprehensive State strategy to:
  - a. Increase the supply of natural gas to Rhode Island;
  - b. Reform the electric energy market;
  - c. Administer energy-related programs;
  - d. Secure renewable energy resources and maintain existing energy resources; and
  - e. Conduct an energy audit of State facilities and operations as well as an energy education campaign aimed at reducing energy costs.

This Executive order shall take effect immediately upon the date hereof.

So Ordered:



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Donald L. Carcieri

Dated: 1/12/06